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## **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is authorized in an accompanying transmittal letter. Please consider the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and Response to Office Action. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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